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SUBJECT: APRIL 1 EA PRESS SUMMARY

### 1. CHINA

MAN IDENTIFYING SELF AS SHANGHAI DISSIDENT HAS REPORTEDLY  
WRITTEN PRES CARTER PROTESTING PRC VIOLATION OF HUMAN RTS  
AND ASKING SUPPORT. HK'S FEER RECEIVED LETTER (3/22)  
FORWARDED IT TO WH (3/25) (AP, CHITRIB; REUTER HK; WP'S  
MATHEWS IN HK). WH SAYS NO SUCH LETTER RECEIVED (REUTER).  
WP SOTRY CARRIES AP NOTE THAT ADMIN OFFICIAL IN DC SAYS  
CONGEN HK STUDYING LETTER TO ESTABLISH AUTHENTICITY.  
MATHEWS SAYS ANALYSTS OPINE LETTER MAY BE AUTHENTIC, BUT  
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STRANGE THAT WRITER REFERS TO "MAINLAND CHINA"; LETTER MAY  
HAVE BEEN MAILED BY ROC OPERATIVES. NOTES WHILE INTER-  
VIEWS REVEAL SOME IN PRC HAVE STRONG ANTI-COMMUNIST VIEWS,  
MOST LIKELY KEEP OPINIONS TO SELVES; NO KNOWN CASES OF  
CHINESE APPEALS TO WESTERN LEADERS FOR HELP.

WANG EN-MAO, VETERAN GENERAL, ANTI-EXTREMIST ADMINISTRATOR,  
APPOINTED TO GOVERN KIRIN PROVINCE (REUTER PEKING 3/31).

CHU CHUAN-HSIEN, HEAD OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S PROTOCOL DEPT,

SEEMS BACK IN FAVOR. HIS PHOTO, WITH AFRICAN DIPS PRESENT-

ING LETTERS OF CONDOLENCE FOLLOWING MAO DEATH ONCE  
AIRBRUSHED OUT, NOW HAS REAPPEARED IN RECENT ISSUE "CHINA  
PICTORIAL" (AFP PEKING, WP ).

PRC HAS BROUGHT 200,000 METRIC TONS SOYBEANS, WHICH COULD  
COME FROM US' DWINDLING SUPPLIES, ACCORDING USDA OFFI-  
CIALS. FIRM(S) NOT IDENTIFIED. SALE INCLUDES "OPTION  
ORIGIN" SO BEANS COULD BE SUPPLIED IN FULL/PART FROM  
BRAZIL" (AP WP, NYDN).

ACCORDING JOC, PRC NOW SEEMS WILLING NEGOTIATE LONG-TERM  
COAL/OIL EXPORT AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN. PRC MIN FOREIGN  
TRADE LI CHIANG'S STAND ON MATTER IN TALKS WITH JAPANESE  
LEADER REPRESENTS IMPORTANT CHANGE IN CHINESE POSITION.  
LI TOLD JAPANESE PEKING WANTS BUY JAPANESE PLANTS/STEEL/  
FERTILIZER/INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY, AND WARNED AGAINST  
JAPANESE PROVIDING SOVS CREDITS TO DEVELOP SIBERIA.

REUTER'S PETER GRIFFITHS IN PEKING WRITES OF FOREIGNERS'  
REPORTS OF DEVESTATION OF TANGSHANG FOLLOWING LAST YR'S  
MASSIVE EARTHQUAKE. HE NOTES ONE TRAVELLER DESCRIBED  
SCENE "LIKE THE WORST PICTURES OF WARTIME BOMB DAMAGE."  
OBSERVER SAID ONLY NEW CONSTRUCTION SEEMED TO BE IN RAIL-  
WAY STATION, WHERE NEW ROAD BEING BUILT.  
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## 2. JAPAN

SOVIET/JAPANESE NEGOTIATORS FAILED REACH AGREEMENT  
AS DEADLINE PASSED 3/31 FOR NEW FISHING TREATY. JAPAN'S  
AMB SAID DELEGATION HAD NO PLANS LEAVE MOSCOW/BOTH  
SIDES WILL BE DISCUSSING NEW FRAMEWORK FOR CONTINUED  
TALKS. FUKUDA'S SPECIAL ENVOY SONODA DUE ARRIVE MOSCOW  
4/2 (AP, NYT).

SUN'S SEIDEN (TOKYO) REPORTS GOJ URGED ALL JAPANESE  
SHIPS LEAVE SOV WATERS IMMEDIATELY 3/31, AS USSR VOWED  
BEGIN ENFORCING 200-MI LIMIT. SEVERAL THOUSAND FISHERMEN  
DEMONSTRATED IN FRONT SOV EMB/GOJ OFFICE BLDGS IN TOKYO,  
DENOUNCED RUSSIAN FISHERY DEMANDS AS "OUTRAGEOUS,"  
"UNREASONABLE." RUSSIAN REPS IN TOKYO RETURNED HOME  
3/31.

JOC'S CULLISON REPORTS 7-MEMBER GOJ MISSION WILL LEAVE  
FOR 2-WK US VISIT 4/2 IN HOPES NEGOTIATING JAPANESE  
PLAN FOR REPROCESSING USED NUKE FUEL.

WAGE NEGOTS BETW 150,000-MEMBER ALL JAPAN SEAMEN'S  
UNION/SHIPPING CO REPS COLLAPSED 3/31--DAY WHICH SEAMEN'S  
CONTRACTS EXPIRED. UNION OFFICIALS GAVE OWNERS 4/5

DEADLINE TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS OR FACE STRIKES  
TYING UP OCEANGOING VESSELS/SHIPS IN DOMESTIC TRADE/FISH-  
ING BOATS/LARGE FERRIES (CULLISON).

ENVIRONMENTAL EVENT ENTITLED "CELEBRATE THE WHALE AND  
DOLPHIN" TO TAKE PLACE UNDER TOKYO'S HARUMI DOME 4/8-  
10. EVENT'S MAIN ORGANIZER, AMCIT MARC LAVELLE, SAYS  
SOME US ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS CONSIDERING CALLING OFF  
BOYCOTT RUSSIAN/JAPANESE GOODS, SINCE INTL WHALING  
COMM HAS ADOPTED BETTER WHALING QUOTAS/JAPAN NOW OBEYING  
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THEM (LEVINE, CSM).

JAPANESE SURVIVORS HIROSHIMA/NAGASAKI A-BOMB BLASTS  
RESIDING IN US RECEIVED MEDICAL ATTENTION RELATING  
TO THEIR RADIATION EXPOSURE AFTER TEAM 3 DOCTORS SPEEIAL-  
IZING IN CARE/TREATMENT BOMB SURVIVORS ARRIVED IN LA  
3/31. TEAM TO CONDUCT 4-DAY CLINIC STUDYING SURVIVORS  
LIVING IN US. TEAM'S ARRIVAL RESULT SEVERAL YRS NEGOTS  
BETW GOJ/GROUP JAPANESE-AMER SURVIVORS (REUTER LA 3/31).

### 3. KOREA

AF CAPT EDWIN BODENHEIM MISSING FOLLOWING CRASH T-38  
JET TRAINER INTO YELLOW SEA OFF KOREA; FLIER ACCOMPANYING  
HIM RESCUED (AP, WP).

### 4. INDONESIA

BELGIUM COURT OF SEIZURES HAS VACATED FURTHER ATTACHMENTS  
INDONESIAN PROPERTY, TIED-UP IN DISPUTE BETW PERTAMINA/  
GENEVA-BASED SHIP OPERATOR RAPPAPORT. PERTAMINA SUCCBSS-  
FULLY FOUGHT OFF ATTACHMENTS ALSO IN SINGAPORE/UK,  
BUT COURT ORDERS REMAIN IN FORCE IN US/HOLLAND/FRG  
(HOWARD, JOC).

### 5. PHILIPPINES

PILOT OF CHARTERED AIRLINER CARRYING FIL MIL MEN ON  
LEAVE WENT BERSERK DURING FLIGHT 3/31, OPENED FIRE  
ON PASSENGERS W/AUTO RIFLE. EIGHT KILLED/16 WOUNDED  
(AP WP, PHINQ; UPI, BALT NA 3/31; REUTER NYT).

### 6. INDOCHINA

REP WOLFF (OF HOUSE SUBCMTE ON ASIA AND PAC) SAYS IF HAK  
DOES NOT COMPLY W/NEW REQUEST FOR ALLEGED 2/1/73 COMMUNICA-  
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TION PROMISING 3.25 BILLION DOLS AID TO HANOI, HE WILL SEEK SUBPOENA DOCUMENT. WOLFF HAS BEEN INFORMED DOCUMENT NOT LTR, BUT 3 SEPARATE ITEMS THAT ARE SECRET CODICIL TO C-F AGREEMENT; ADDS WOODCOCK/REP MONTGOMERY SAW DOS COPY BEFORE LEFT ON HANOI MISSION (WP).

7. THAILAND

RTG CONTINUES ARREST CIVILIANS IN CONNECTION W/INVESTIGATION COUP ATTEMPT; SO FAR 7 CIVILIANS ARRESTED BESIDES 5 MIL. ALL ARE RIGHTISTS (SIMONS, WP).

ARMED THAI NAVY BOATS ASSIGNED PARTROL ANDAMAN SEA TO PROTECT FISHING FLEET/TERRITORIAL WATERS. MOVE REFLECTS GROWING INTL TENDENCY FOR EACH NATION PROTECT NATL RESOURCES/PARTLY RESPONSE TO STRICTER ACTIONS BY NEIGHBORS (REUTER BANGKOK).

8. GENERAL

SPECIAL TRADE REP STRAUSS SAYS ADMIN MAY DECIDE GIVE US MANFRERS OF CHEAP SHOES SOME PROTECTION VS IMPORTS FROM SK/TAIWAN. REFUSES COMMENT ON WHAT WH WILL DO ON DECISIONS RE COLOR TV SETS/SUGAR/OTHER ITEMS. ADMIN MAY BE CONSIDERING MODEST INCR TARIFFS ON LOWER-PRICED IMPORTED SHOES, POSSIBLY COUPLED W/EFFORT PERSUADE TAIWAN/SK ESTABLISH VOLUNTARY QUOTAS (ROWEN, WP; INE, SUN; FARNSWORTH, NYT).

STRAUSS ADDS ADMIN GOAL FOR LONGER TERM IS FREE TRADE POSTURE, BUT US MUST GET EQUAL TREATMENT FROM TRADING PARTNERS. MAKES POINTED REFERENCE TO JAPANESE COLOR TVS "FLOODING" US MARKET, WHILE US PRODUCTS IN JAPAN DO NOT HAVE SAME OPPORTUNITY AS JAPANESE IN US (ROWEN).

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9. JAPAN

CSM PRAISES CARTER'S CHOICE MANSFIELD AS AMB TO JAPAN. STATES MANSFIELD MUCH RESPECTED IN US, WHICH IMPORTANT TO JAPANESE, AND CERTAIN HAVE EXCELLENT CONNECTIONS TO CARTER/CAPITOL HILL. MENTIONS HIS INTEREST IN/KNOWLEDGE OF PRC. ADDS PEKING "CERTAIN" NOTE PERSON SO WELL INFORMED ON US-PRC RELS "BEING PLACED CONVENIENTLY

NEAR." CONCLUDES MANSFIELD "ADMIRABLY EQUIPPED" HANDLE VARIED RANGE BILATERAL PROBLEMS.

10. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

EX-AMB YOST GIVES IMPRESSIONS OF HANOI WHILE W/WOODCOCK MISSION. CONTRASTS RECEPTION BY PHAM VAN DONG W/THAT BY DIEM AT SAIGON 20 YRS AGO; ALSO CONTRASTS RECEPTION BY SOUPHANOUVONG V/THAT BY SOUVANNA PHOUMA 20 YRS AGO. SAYS CONTRASTS AWAKENED REFLECTIONS ON VANITY/TRANSCIENCE OF EUR/US IMPERIAL/CRUSADING ENTERPRISES IN AREAS ALIEN TO CULTURE/INSTITUTIONS. BELIEVES USSR WILL NOT ENJOY ANY MORE SUCCESS IN VN/LAOS IF ATTEMPTS DICTATE POLICIES; OPINES CHINESE ENJOY ADVANTAGES OF PROXIMITY/CULTURE, BUT CLOSENESS/SIZE/TRADITIONAL SENSE SUPERIORITY FOSTER LONG-STANDING SUSPICION/FEAR. NOTES SEA HAS NOT YET FOUND STABLE EQUILIBRIUM; THAILAND AMBIVALENT ABOUT HOW FAR TRY REMAIN ALIGNED W/LESS-SUPPORTIVE US/BASE SECURITY ON NON-ALIGNMENT/ASSOCIATION W/ASEAN. OPINES THAI JUNTA COURSE OMINOUSLY REMINISCENT OF THAT PURSUED BY DIEM IN 1950S. CONCLUDES COMMON INTEREST SEA COUNTRIES SHOULD BE TO MAKE AREA ZONE OF PEACE (CSM).

11. INDOCHINA

ATLANTA JOURNAL (3/28) REVIEWS PRES' NEWS CONF REMARKS RE UNCLASSIFIED

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VN. AGREES STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS SHOULD GOVERN FUTURE POLICY, NOT EMOTIONS ARISING FROM SENSE OF GUILT.

NEW ORLEANS TIMES-PIC (3/22) REVIEWS WOODCOCK MISSION RESULTS. SAYS US NOW FACED W/BEING RESPONSIBLE LOSER; JUDGMENT ON HOW ENTER INTO RELS W/VN MUST BE BASED ON REALITIES/POTENTIAL WIDER SITUATION THAN JUDGMENT ON ENTERING WAR, FREE OF EMOTION/IMPULSE/ARTIFICIAL PRESSURE.

HALL (BALTO NA 3/29) REVIEWS MIA PROBLEM/BENEFITS TO FAMILIES. NOTES PRES HAS POSTPONED TOUCHY DECISION ON WHETHER DECLARE DEAD ESTIMATED 750 MIAS. MENTIONS MORATORIUM HAS CREATED BIZARRE SITUATION AMONG FAMILIES, W/WIVES OFTEN PITTED VS OTHER KIN DUE EMOTIONAL/ECON COMPLEXITIES.

12. KOREA

GOODMAN (SUN) REVIEWS SITUATION W/UNIFICATION CHURCH, OPINES COURTS SHOULD NOT PROTECT "MOONIES" FROM THEMSELVES. SAYS ALL HER INSTINCTS "SHRIEK" THAT SUN MYUNG MOON IS "OPPORTUNIST."

CHARLOTTE OBSERVER'S MARLETTE IN CARTOON DEPICTS BAWDY-HOUSE SCENE W/PIANO MARKED "HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE" BEING PLAYED BY SMILING, OBLIVIOUS IDIOT, WHILE BEHIND BACK GIRL LABELLED "KOREAN SCANDAL" LEADS MAN UPSTAIRS (CHITRIB).

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